

## **Moran Asks President for Disaster Assistance for Kansans Affected by December Storms**

HUTCHINSON - Congressman Jerry Moran and members of the Kansas delegation today asked President Bush to declare a federal disaster area for 60 counties in Kansas. The request comes after extensive damage as a result of severe winter storms in mid December that produced heavy rain, ice, sleet and snow. A Presidential declaration will provide federal assistance for disaster relief and emergency assistance.

"The December storms left nearly 200,000 Kansans without power," Moran said. "The damage was extensive and debris can still be seen in numerous Kansas communities. The federal declaration will assist city and county government with clean-up efforts and support rural electric cooperatives in repairing power lines."

Counties included in the request are: Atchison, Barber, Barton, Brown, Butler, Chase, Cherokee, Clark, Clay, Cloud, Comanche, Crawford, Dickinson, Doniphan, Edwards, Ellis, Ellsworth, Ford, Geary, Graham, Harvey, Hodgeman, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Kingman, Kiowa, Labette, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Lyon, McPherson, Marion, Marshall, Miami, Mitchell, Morris, Nemaha, Osage, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Reno, Republic, Rice, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Smith, Stafford, Wabaunsee, Washington and Woodson.

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